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County Partners with School System on Recycling Initiative

*"Recycling Just Like at Home"- Joint Effort to Keep Parks, School
Fields Clean*

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Parks & Recreation has teamed up with Harford County Public Schools to introduce recycling at ball fields and parks in the county. Athletes and spectator will be able to separate trash and recyclables "just like at home".

After a successful pilot program at specific sites, Parks & Rec has distributed 400 recycling cans at County Parks and HCPS athletic field sites throughout the county. This initiative will expand single stream recycling to those sites. The Department of Public Works' Recycling Office and the Department of Administration's Sustainability Office have also assisted in launching this program.

"Introducing recycling at our parks and ball fields is something that we have been working toward for a while, and is something that the public has stated in the past that they would like to see," stated Arden McClune, Director of the Harford County Department of Parks & Recreation. "This program shows how agencies can work together to affect change and introduce new and positive initiatives. In this instance, the end result is something which makes a lot of sense, and we are confident that the program will be a success," McClune added.

Most of the recyclable material will be collected by Parks & Recreation maintenance crews. There are five larger park sites where Parks & Recreation has placed dumpsters for direct pick-up by a contractor. The sites include: Churchville, Cedar Lane Park, Mariner Point Park, Tucker Field and Flying Point Park.

"This is a major step in our efforts to provide a comprehensive and systemic recycling program for all of the areas where our students work and play," said Andrew Cassilly, Resource Conservation Manager with Harford County Public Schools.

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“My office has a great working relationship with the schools in providing education and resources to the students. We are excited that our unified efforts are showing such positive results,” said Bob Ernst, Recycling Programs Manager with the Harford County Department of Public Works.

The Recycling Program is part of the Parks & Recreation department’s goals in the 2013 Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan, which includes the ability to “incorporate sustainable development and conservation practices in all Parks and Recreation parks and facilities.”

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